

Postal Regulatory Commission

§ 3007.33

§ 3007.24 Commission and court access to non-public materials.

(a) Non-public materials may be disclosed to the following persons:

- (1) Members of the Commission;
- (2) Commission employees including public representatives carrying out their appropriate responsibilities;
- (3) Contractors, attorneys, or other subject matter experts assisting the Commission in carrying out its statutory duties;
- (4) Reviewing courts and their staffs; or
- (5) Court reporters, stenographers, or persons operating audio or video recording equipment for such court reporters or stenographers at hearings or depositions.

(b) Access to non-public materials for all persons not covered by this section is pursuant to §§ 3007.40 and 3007.50.

§ 3007.25 Use of non-public materials.

Except as pursuant to this part, persons with access to non-public materials under § 3007.24 may not:

- (a) Use such materials for purposes other than the purposes for which they are supplied.
- (b) Permit anyone who is not allowed access under § 3007.24 to have access to any such materials.

§ 3007.30 Termination of non-public status.

Ten years after the date of filing with the Commission, non-public materials shall lose non-public status unless the Commission or its authorized representative enters an order extending the duration of that status.

§ 3007.31 Request for early termination of non-public status.

(a) Any person may make a request to the Commission that non-public materials be publicly disclosed. Each such request shall provide a specific and detailed statement justifying why the non-public materials should be made public, giving specific recognition to any pertinent rationale(s) provided in the application for relief submitted pursuant to § 3007.21 or § 3007.22. The request, however, shall not publicly disclose any of the non-public materials. If it is necessary to use the non-public materials to formulate the argument

in favor of public disclosure, the argument utilizing the non-public materials shall be filed under seal.

(b) Any interested person, including the Postal Service, may file a response to the request within 7 days after such a request is filed, unless a longer period is specified by the Commission.

(c) Unless the Commission otherwise provides, no reply to a response filed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section shall be filed.

(d) Following the filing of responses, if any, the Commission will issue an order determining the appropriate degree of protection, if any, to be accorded to the materials claimed to be non-public by the Postal Service or third party with a proprietary interest in the materials.

§ 3007.32 Preliminary determination of non-public status.

(a) Whenever the Postal Service files non-public materials, the Commission may issue a notice of preliminary determination concerning the appropriate degree of protection, if any, to be accorded to such materials.

(b) Any interested person, including the Postal Service, may file a response to the Commission's notice of preliminary determination within 7 days after such a notice is filed, unless a longer period is specified.

(c) Unless the Commission otherwise provides, no reply to a response filed pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section shall be filed.

(d) Following the filing of responses, if any, the Commission will issue an order determining the appropriate degree of protection, if any, to be accorded to the materials claimed to be non-public by the Postal Service or third party with a proprietary interest in the materials.

§ 3007.33 Standard for decision for early termination of non-public status.

(a) In determining whether to publicly disclose non-public materials filed by the Postal Service, the Commission shall balance the nature and extent of the likely commercial injury identified